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Provisional rules of procedure of the Peacebuilding Commission, as adopted by the Organizational Committee at its first meeting on 23 June 2006

Rule 1
Chairperson

(a) The Peacebuilding Commission consists of various configurations: the Organizational Committee and country-specific meetings.

(b) The membership of the Organizational Committee shall select the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Peacebuilding Commission from among its members for a term of one year. Due consideration shall be given to criteria included in General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), including representation from all regional groups.[1]

(c) The Chairperson or the Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission shall preside over both the Organizational Committee and the country-specific meetings, unless the Organizational Committee decides otherwise.

Rule 2
Sessions and meetings

(a) The Organizational Committee shall meet, as required, on invitation of the Chairperson acting in consultation with the members of the Organizational Committee, to fulfil the responsibilities, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), including, inter alia, the setting of the agenda, issuing of invitations for country-specific meetings and review of the annual report.

(b) Country-specific meetings shall be convened as necessary.

(c) Meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission shall be held in public or private, as appropriate. Decisions on whether a meeting shall be held in public or

[1] This does not prejudge the number of Vice-Chairpersons. Representation from all regional groups could be realized over several terms of the Peacebuilding Commission.

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private shall be taken by the Chairperson in consultation with the members of the respective configuration.

(d) For each meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission, the respective Chairperson, assisted, as required, by the Peacebuilding Support Office, will prepare a draft agenda.

(e) Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be both the official and the working languages of the Peacebuilding Commission.

Rule 3
Agenda

The agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission shall be established by the Organizational Committee, in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005). The Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission will, as appropriate, consult with those requesting advice, in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005).

Rule 4
Participation

(a) Mindful of the intergovernmental character of the Peacebuilding Commission, members of the Commission and participants, in accordance with paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), shall be given the opportunity to participate fully and equally in the discussions of the Commission in a flexible and interactive manner.

(b) The Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission shall, in consultation with its members, provide on a regular basis for consultation with representatives of civil society, non-governmental organizations, including women's organizations, and the private sector engaged in peacebuilding activities, as appropriate. To ensure this, the Peacebuilding Commission shall develop further details and modalities.

Rule 5
Conclusions

For meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission, the Chairperson shall, where appropriate, present conclusions and recommendations agreed by consensus among the Member States of the respective configuration.

Rule 6
Review

These provisional rules of procedure shall be further developed and reviewed in the light of the practical work of the Commission, as necessary.